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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING BACKGROUND PRESS

BRIEFING BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JACK B. KUBISCH

FOLLOWING EXCERPTS OF MONDAY'S BACKGROUND PRESS CONFERENCE
BY ASST. SEC. KUBISCH ON THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AND
THE OAS MEETING. THE GROUND RULES ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS:

QUOTE - BEGIN TEXT. KUBISCH: I WILL SAY A FEW WORDS BEFORE
WE BEGIN, ABOUT THE BACKGROUND OF THESE MEETINGS.

FIRST, ABOUT THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN
WASHINGTON. THERE WILL BE TWENTY-FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS IN
WASHINGTON FOR THE MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE
MEETINGS OPEN WEDNESDAY AT ONE O'CLOCK WITH A LUNCH HERE
IN STATE HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY. IT WILL CARRY ON WEDNES-
DAY AFTERNOON FOR A WORKING SESSION. WORKING SESSIONS A-
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GAIN THURSDAY MORNING, AND A LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY HERE IN

THE DEPARTMENT, AND A WORKING SESSION AGAIN THURSDAY AFTERNOON. THESE MEETINGS ARE RATHER SPECIAL AND UNIQUE, AND IT WILL BE UP TO THE MINISTERS THEMSELVES TO DECIDE HOW THEY WANT TO PROCEED. AND AS OF NOW, WE ARE PLANNING THAT LATE THURSDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING, THEY WILL GO TO ATLANTA, WHERE THE ANNUAL OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 19.

NOW, WHY THESE MEETINGS HERE IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK?

WHEN FOREIGN MINISTERS MET IN MEXICO, WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER FEBRUARY 20 TO 23 THEY FOUND MEETINGS VERY USEFUL, VERY PRODUCTIVE. THEY OPENED UP A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT SUBJECTS AND DECIDED THEY WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE AND THE DISCUSSIONS AT EARLIEST FEASIBLE TIME.

DURING CONVERSATIONS IN MEXICO, IT WAS SUGGESTED BY ONE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT SINCE THEY WERE ALL COMING TO UNITED STATES FOR OAS ASSEMBLY WHY NOT DURING THAT TEN-DAY PERIOD, DIDN'T THEY RECESS FOR HALF-A-DAY OR A DAY, OR A DAY-AND-A-HALF AND CONTINUE PRIVATE INFORMAL DIALOGUES THEY HAD PURSUED TO SUCCESSFULLY IN MEXICO.

THEN IT WAS REALIZED THAT OF THE TWENTY-FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MEXICO, TWO OF GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED -- GUYANA AND BAHAMAS, ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE OAS AND WOULD NOT BE AT ATLANTA. SO THEN IT WAS SUGGESTED -- WHY DON'T WE MEET A DAY OR TWO BEFORE ATLANTA. EVEN THOUGH IT WAS JUST A VERY SHORT INTERLUDE BETWEEN CONCLUSION OF MEETINGS IN MEXICO FEBRUARY 23 AND OPENING OF ATLANTA OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IT WAS DECIDED TO SEE IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE. AFTER CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF FACTORS, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF OTHER MAJOR CONVENTIONS GOING ON IN ATLANTA, AND THERE WAS DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEETING SPACE AND MANY OTHER FACTORS, WE DECIDED TO ASK THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IF IT WOULD NOT BE BETTER IF THEY CAME TO WASHINGTON APRIL 17 AND MEET HERE FOR A DAY-AND-AHALF BEFORE GOING TO ATLANTA. AND THAT IS WHAT THE MEETINGS WILL BE ABOUT THIS WEEK.

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AS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS, THIS IS THE FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, THE HIGHEST ORGAN OF THE OAS, UNDER THE NEW CHARTER ADOPTED IN 1969.

IN ALTERNATE YEARS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS HELD AT WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS. AND WHEN IT IS HELD HERE IN

WASHINGTON THE UNITED STATES IS NOT THE HOST. WE ARE MERELY A PARTICIPANT. THEN IN THE OFF YEARS, THE PROVISION IS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN ONE OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES; WITH THAT COUNTRY SERVING AS HOST. AND THE UNITED STATES OFFERED AND WAS ACCEPTED TO BE THE HOST IN 1974. AFTER OFFERING TO BE THE HOST, WE CONTACTED A NUMBER OF CITIES ABOUT POSSIBLE SITES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND SOME HALF-DOZEN MAJOR CITIES ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST. BUT THE INTEREST FROM ATLANTA AND THE OFFER BY ATLANTA OF FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE CONSIDERED TO BE THE BEST BY FAR, AND THE INVITATION BY THE CITY OF ATLANTA AND THE STATE OF GEORGIA TO HAVE THE MEETING THERE WAS ACCEPTED. THAT IS WHY THAT SITE WAS SELECTED.

I WILL BE GLAD TO TURN TO QUESTIONS NOW.

Q: WHAT ARE LIKELY SUBJECTS TO OCCUPY THE MAJOR INTEREST OF THE UPCOMING CONFERENCES THERE AND HERE?'

A: THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE MEETINGS. THEY ARE BACK TO BACK. BUT THEY ARE TWO QUITE DISTINCT MEETINGS -- THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ATLANTA.

THE AGENDA FOR WASHINGTON MEETING HAS ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED. IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN BOGOTA MEETINGS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NOVEMBER WHEN THEY DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INVITATION TO A NEW DIALOGUE, TO A DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST IN THE REGION. AND THEY ESTABLISHED AN AGENDA OF EIGHT POINTS IN BOGOTA, TO WHICH THEY INVITED SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ADD ANYTHING HE WISHED. HE ADDED TWO. AND THEY DISCUSSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE TEN TOPICS IN MEXICO IN FEBRUARY. THEY DECIDED AS THEY WERE ADJOURNING IN MEXICO FEBRUARY 23 TO MAINTAIN THAT SAME AGENDA FOR WASHINGTON BECAUSE IT WAS AN AGENDA ESTABLISHED BY CONSENSUS. AND SO THOSE TOPICS WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED HERE. AND THOSE TOPICS WERE LISTED IN THE DECLARATION OF TLATELOLCO THAT WAS PUBLISHED ON FEBRUARY 24.

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THAT IS ALSO AN AGENDA WELL-KNOWN AND WELL-ESTABLISHED. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECEIVES EACH YEAR REPORTS FROM ALL THE MAJOR OPERATING COUNCILS AND ORGANS OF THE OAS REPORTS FROM IA-ECOSOC, THE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE, THE PERMANENT COUNCIL, REVIEWS BUDGETS, ADMINISTRATIVES AND OTHER MATTERS.

Q: WOULDN'T THIS JUMBLE OF MEETINGS, FIRST HERE IN WASHINGTON AND THEN IN ATLANTA, UNDERCUT THE MEETING IN ATLANTA AS A PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION. A LOT OF THESE THINGS ARE QUITE SIMILAR ON THE AGENDA.

A: I DON'T REALLY BELIEVE THE MEETING HERE IN WASHINGTON, WILL UNDERCUT THE ONE IN ATLANTA. INDEED, I THINK IT WOULD HELP PREPARE FOR THE ONE IN ATLANTA AND MAKE IT A MORE USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE MEETING.

THE TWO CONFERENCES ARE QUITE SEPARATE, BUT MANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN ONE WILL ALSO BE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS IN THE OTHER.

THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IS A DISTINCT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, WITH ITS OWN ORGANS, ITS OWN COUNCILS, ITS OWN SECRETARIAT, ITS OWN PROGRAMS, PROBLEMS, BUDGETS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS TO ADDRESS.

THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON HAS AN AGENDA THAT IS DISTINCT FROM THE ONE IN ATLANTA. THEY OVERLAP TO A LARGE DEGREE, BUT THERE ARE SOME TOPICS THAT ARE NOT BEING DIRECTLY ADDRESSED IN THE SAME WAY IN ATLANTA.

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SECOND, AS I INDICATED EARLIER, NOT ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN ATLANTA -- OR NOT ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE WASHINGTON MEETING WILL BE PRESENT IN ATLANTA -- TWO GOVERNMENTS AT LEAST.

THIRD, THE DISCUSSIONS HERE IN WASHINGTON, THE WORKING SESSIONS ARE PRIVATE, ARE INFORMAL AND REPRESENT VERY CANDID, FRANK, OPEN EXCHANGES OF VIEWS, WITH NO RECORDS. THESE REPRESENT IN A VERY REAL SENSE A FRESH DEPARTURE IN MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

SO THAT INSTEAD OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AS THEY WILL THE FIRST THREE OR FOUR DAYS IN ATLANTA, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS GENERAL DEBATE, WHICH IS IN FACT A SERIES OF SPEECHES BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, PREPARED IN MOST CASES BEFORE THEY EVER LEAVE THEIR CAPITALS, SPOKEN PUBLICLY, AND INTENDED FOR READING AND DISTRIBUTION WHEREVER THERE IS INTEREST, BUT TO A LARGE EXTENT IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES, THERE IS NOT THE KIND OF MEETING OF MINDS AND INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS THAT REALLY IS SO ESSENTIAL FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE GOVERNMENTS OF THIS

HEMISPHERE.

AT THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, THAT FORMAT DOES EXIST -- AN INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS, AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, AND THE DEBATING AND DISCUSSION OF ALL ASPECTS OF PROBLEMS IS QUITE POSSIBLE.

THEREFORE, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, WHEN THEY LEAVE WASHINGTON AND GO TO ATLANTA, WILL, I THINK, BE BETTER PREPARED FOR THE MEETINGS THERE, AND BETTER ABLE TO TAKE DECISIONS THERE WITH A FULL KNOWLEDGE OF VIEWS OF THEIR COLLEAGUES.

SO I THINK THE WASHINGTON MEETING WILL NOT UNDERCUT THE ATLANTA MEETING, BUT IS A COMPANION MEETING THAT WILL HELP FACILITATE RESULTS IN ATLANTA.

I KNOW YOU IMPLY THAT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS IS NOT A GOOD THING, IS ANACHRONISTIC, THAT THE REFORMS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE OAS HAVE NOT WORKED OUT AS ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED.

I WOULD SAY NOT, BECAUSE THERE NEEDS TO BE A FORMAL ANNUAL MEETING TO TAKE FORMAL PUBLIC DECISIONS ON THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, AND ON THAT ORGANIZATION. SO THEY MUST MEET, I THINK, PUBLICLY, AND DO THE COMMITTEE WORK, AND ADOPT DOCUMENTS, AND APPROVE REPORTS, AND APPROVE BUDGETS, AND MAKE PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR. BUT THE INFORMAL PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS IN ADVANCE OF THAT, I THINK, SHOULD FACILITATE SUCH WORK IN ATLANTA.

Q: THERE ARE NO PUBLIC SESSIONS OF MFAM HERE?

A: NONE ARE PLANNED AT THE MOMENT. AS I SAY, THE MEETING IN BOGOTA IN NOVEMBER, IN MEXICO IN FEBRUARY, WAS CONDUCTED BY CONSENSUS, AND WE HAVE HAD SOME PRELIMINARY MEETINGS HERE AMONG THE WHITE HOUSE AMBASSADORS AND I, AND SOME OTHERS, TO PREPARE FOR THIS, AND THERE SEEMED TO BE A CONSENSUS THAT THESE MEETINGS WOULD BE PRIVATE AND THAT IS THE WAY WE ARE PLANNING THEM.

Q: WHAT IS THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE?

A: FINAL REFINEMENTS ARE DETAILS ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT. HIS FIRST MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL BE WHEN HE HOSTS THE LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, AND PARTICIPATES IN THE WORKING SESSIONS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, THURSDAY MORNING, AND THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Q: ASIDE FROM THE ITEMS FOR THE MFM, WHAT EARTH-SHAKING ITEMS ARE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING? IS CUBA GOING TO COME UP? IS THE QUESTION OF U.S. COMPANIES OPERATING IN PLACES LIKE ARGENTINA, AND THEIR EXPORT LICENSES -- IS THAT ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE? I KNOW IT IS ON THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' SCHEDULE.

A: IF I MAY CORRECT THE PREMISE OF YOUR QUESTION, AND THEN ANSWER IT -- IT IS NOT ON THE AGENDA OF THE MFM. YOU HAVE REALLY RAISED TWO QUESTIONS THERE. ONE, THE OVER-ALL QUESTION OF CUBA AND ITS RELATIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE; AND, SECOND, THE SALES BY COMPANIES IN ARGENTINA TO CUBA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE QUESTION OF CUBA, I UNDERSTAND -- I WAS NOT PRESENT, THERE WERE NO U.S. OFFICIALS PRESENT -- BUT THE QUESTION OF CUBA WAS CONSIDERED IN BOGOTA IN NOVEMBER FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA FOR A MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. AND THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS TO INCLUDE IT AND THEREFORE IT WAS NOT PUT ON THE AGENDA IN BOGOTA, AND IS NOT ONE OF THE EIGHT TOPICS, NOR WAS IT ONE OF THE TWO THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER PUT ON.

I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT OF THE 25 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING HERE SEVEN OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA, AND EIGHTEEN DO NOT. THE SEVEN, OF COURSE, BEING MEXICO, PERU, ARGENTINA, AND FOUR CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES, ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES -- BARBADOS, JAMAICA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND GUYANA. THE OTHER EIGHTEEN DO NOT.

IT IS TRUE THAT OF THE EIGHT TOPICS THE LATIN AMERICAN-CARIBBEAN GROUP PUT ON THE AGENDA, THE EIGHTH TOPIC IS ONE CALLED SOMETHING LIKE "PANORAMA OF U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS." AND IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT SOME FOREIGN MINISTER OR SOMEONE MAY RAISE THE QUESTION OF CUBA UNDER THAT TOPIC. I JUST DON'T KNOW. I HAVE SEEN ONE OR TWO INDICATIONS THAT SOME FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE CONSIDERING RAISING IT, AND MAY HAVE DECIDED TO RAISE IT.

THE QUESTION OF SALES BY COMPANIES IN ARGENTINA TO CUBA WAS NEVER ENVISAGED FOR THE AGENDA HERE.

SO THAT IS THE PREMISE OF THE QUESTION.

AS FAR AS WHETHER IT WILL COME UP IN ATLANTA I REALLY COULDN'T SAY. I KNOW OF MYSELF NO AGENDA TOPIC THAT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSES THE QUESTION OF CUBA. BUT AS YOU

KNOW AND I KNOW, THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST IN THE QUESTION, BOTH BY GOVERNMENTS THAT MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH CUBA, AND THOSE THAT DO NOT. AND SO IT IS NOT EXCLUDED THAT IT WOULD COME UP.

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Q: ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ARE ONE OF THE SIX POINTS.

A: THAT'S TRUE.

Q: THAT WAS THE PREMISE I WAS OPERATING ON.

A: THERE IS ONE OF THE TOPICS CALLED "ECONOMIC COERCIVE MEASURES." IT IS NOT EXCLUDED THAT IT WOULD COME UP, BUT THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS TO RAISE IT BY THE GROUP IN BOGOTA.

Q: YOU SEEM TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS ON THIS CUBA THING. AS WE WERE TOLD AT MEXICO CITY, EITHER FIVE OR SIX COUNTRIES EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, CUBA SHOULD BE EITHER INCLUDED OR BROUGHT UP. NOW, HAVEN'T YOU CHECKED THIS OUT?

A: IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, UNILATERALLY TO DECIDE WHAT 25 FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT. I AM TELLING YOU THAT THE 25 AGREED ON AN AGENDA, AND THE AGENDA DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR CUBA. BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, I CANNOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OF THEM WILL RAISE CUBA -- WHETHER IT IS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ON THE AGENDA OR NOT.

Q: YOU THINK IT WILL BE?

A: I REALLY DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE ABOUT WHAT OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE GOING TO DO, OR NOT DO.

Q: IN BOGOTA THERE WAS A DEBATE WHETHER CUBA WAS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED, AND THE DECISION WAS TO PHRASE IT IN A WAY THAT EVERYBODY WOULD BE FREE TO DISCUSS IT. AND IT IS ALSO A FACT THAT SEVEN COUNTRIES DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE IN MEXICO CITY, AND THE SECRETARY SAID AT THAT TIME THAT IT WASN'T THE APPROPRIATE FORUM.

NOW, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF ARGENTINA IS ON THE RECORD ALREADY THAT HE IS GOING TO RAISE THE ISSUE. AND THE VENEZUELA FOREIGN MINISTER MADE THE SAME STATEMENT, AND THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MADE THE SAME STATEMENT. SO
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IT SEEMS TO ME INCONCEIVABLE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DISCUSSION OF CUBA.

A: AS A NEWSMAN, I THINK I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW YOU WOULD SAY IT WOULD BE INCONCEIVABLE IT WOULDN'T COME UP.

I'M TRYING TO GIVE YOU THE FACTS AS I KNOW THEM. I HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF ARGENTINA SAYS THAT HE IS GOING TO RAISE THAT. BUT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS NEVER SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT TO ME OR TO US. SO I REALLY DON'T KNOW. AND AS FAR AS THE OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS OF PERU AND VENEZUELA ARE CONCERNED, I HAVE SEEN ONLY REPORTS THAT THEY MAY RAISE IT. AND I AGREE THAT UNDER THIS ONE TOPIC OF THE AGENDA, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR IT TO BE RAISED. BUT WHETHER IT WILL OR NOT, IN FACT, I JUST REALLY DON'T KNOW.

Q: IF THERE IS GOING TO BE OVERLAPS ON THE ISSUES AND QUESTIONS HERE IN WASHINGTON AND IN ATLANTA, WHAT ARE THESE OVERLAPPING AREAS?

A: A NUMBER OF THEM ARE IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE MAJOR COUNCILS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL. AND UNDER THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, IT HAS ITS SECRETARIAT, CALLED THE CIAP THAT ADDRESSES PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AID, AND THOSE KINDS OF QUESTIONS.

OF THE EIGHT TOPICS THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE ON THE AGENDA, FIVE OF THEM REALLY RELATE TO ECONOMIC TOPICS. THERE IS ONE ON ECONOMIC COERCIVE MEASURES. THERE IS ONE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. A THIRD IS ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. A FOURTH IS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MONETARY QUESTIONS. AND A FIFTH IS ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, WHICH IN A BROAD SENSE COULD BE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL -- AN ECONOMIC QUESTION -- ALTHOUGH THAT IS ALSO FOLDED INTO THE COUNCIL ON SCIENCE, CULTURE AND EDUCATION IN THE OAS.

SO I THINK THE SUBSTANCE OF SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSED HERE, WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED IN THOSE COUNCILS AND IN THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN ATLANTA.

Q: IN TERMS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DO YOU KNOW WHETHER ANY NATION, THROUGH NON-NEWS SOURCES, WHICH IMPLIES ACCURATE SOURCES, THAT CUBA MAY COME UP, FROM ONE COUNTRY OR ANOTHER, IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NOT THE MFM?

A: I GUESS IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE QUESTION OF CUBA WILL BE RAISED BY AT LEAST ONE DELEGATION IN ATLANTA, IN SOME FORM OR ANOTHER. I DON'T KNOW WHERE.

Q: IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT ARGENTINES ARE HAVING A PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION ON THE 16TH. HAS THE UNITED STATES BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THAT MEETING?

A: NO. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT BEEN INVITED, AND NOT SURPRISINGLY, EITHER. THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY HAS OFFERED TO HAVE A MEETING TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND WEDNESDAY MORNING OF THOSE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO WISH TO ATTEND TO CONSULT BEFORE THEIR MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. THEY DID THE SAME THING IN MEXICO. THE FORMAT FOR THE MFM IS THAT ONE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION ON EACH TOPIC, FOLLOWING WHICH THERE WILL BE GENERAL DISCUSSION. AND I GATHER THERE IS SOME QUESTION WHETHER THEY WOULD USE THE SAME SPOKESMEN HERE IN WASHINGTON AS THEY USED IN MEXICO OR CHANGE THEM. THERE IS A QUESTION OF DISCUSSING

THEIR POSITIONS, EXCHANGING VIEWS ABOUT THEM, SELECTING THE SPOKESMEN, SELECTING PEOPLE WHO WILL RESPOND TO SPEECHES AND TOASTS AND ORGANIZING THEMSELVES FOR THE MEETING. SO THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THE UNITED STATES, AS HOST, TO BE PRESENT. BUT WE ARE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THEM.

Q: IS IT ENVISAGED THAT ANOTHER OF THESE INFORMAL KISSINGER-LATIN AMERICAN MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE FALL, THE LATE SUMMER, OR SOME SUCH TIME?

A: SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS INDICATED TO ME THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO IT. AND I THINK HE INDICATED PUBLICLY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHEN HE WAS IN MEXICO, A WEEK OR SO AGO, THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO IT.

THAT DEPENDS UPON THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHEN THEY GATHER HERE. THESE ARE VERY SPECIAL, UNIQUE KINDS OF MEETINGS. AND WHAT THEY WILL DECIDE TO DO, I REALLY CAN- NOT PREDICT. I THINK THEY ARE VERY USEFUL, AND I HOPE THEY FIND THEM USEFUL. AND OBVIOUSLY, IT WOULD BE IN OUR VIEW IMPORTANT BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN SUCH A SHORT INTERLUDE SINCE THE MEETING IN MEXICO, WHERE THEY REALLY

JUST BEGAN TO ADDRESS SUBJECTS THAT ARE VERY COMPLEX, AND OPENED UP WHOLE NEW LAYERS OF POSSIBILITIES, OF COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION, AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR PROBLEMS, NOT ONLY EXISTING PROBLEMS, BUT PREPARING THE WAY FOR SOLVING PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE IN THE FUTURE.

OBTAINING IT HASN'T BEEN POSSIBLE IN THE LAST SIX OR SEVEN WEEKS, WITH ALL OF THEM AS BUSY AS THEY ARE, AND BECAUSE OF THE SHORTNESS OF TIME, REALLY TO ACCOMPLISH VERY MUCH ALONG THAT LINE. SO I THINK THIS HAS TO BE LOOKED AT AS A SECOND PHASE OF THE MEETING THAT OPENED IN MEXICO, AND PERHAPS OUT OF THIS MEETING, IF THEY CONTINUE TO FEEL THEY ARE USEFUL AND DESIRABLE, THEY WILL DECIDE TO MEET AGAIN LATER THIS YEAR, AND DURING THE INTERLUDE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, TO MAKE SOME CONCRETE PREPARATIONS TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS IN AN ACTION-ORIENTED WAY.

Q: HAS THERE BEEN ANY PROGRESS ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NEW MECHANISM IN THE INTERLUDE BETWEEN MEXICO CITY AND NOW?

A: NEW MECHANISMS ON INVESTMENT DISPUTES?

Q: YES.

A: I DON'T REALLY THINK SO. THE PROBLEM IS THAT AMERICAN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN SOME COUNTRIES HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF REAL CONTENTION AND PROBLEMS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS THERE AND THE AMERICAN COMPANIES. AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, EVEN THOUGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT DOESN'T LIKE TO DO SO, INEVITABLY AT TIMES IS DRAWN INTO THESE DISAGREEMENTS.

THE DISAGREEMENTS, IN PART, ARISE FROM DISAGREEMENTS ON FACTS IN A SPECIFIC DISPUTE, AND IN PART FROM DIFFERENT LEGAL AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS AND THE USG.

WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER SUGGESTED IN MEXICO WAS THAT SOME KIND OR PROCEDURE OR PROCESS OR FACT-FINDING MECHANISM BE ESTABLISHED WHERE THESE DISPUTES COULD BE CONSIDERED, AND QUESTIONS OF LAW SEPARATED FROM QUESTIONS OF FACT, AND MAYBE SOME OF THEM COULD BE SOLVED THAT WAY.

IN THE DECLARATION OF TLATELOLCO, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF HIS PROPOSAL AND SAID THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO EXAMINE IT. BUT I THINK, IN THE LAST SIX OR SEVEN WEEKS,

THERE HASN'T BEEN MUCH PROGRESS ON IT.

LET ME POINT OUT THAT THERE IS, I THINK, SOME MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE POSTURE OF THE UNITED STATES AND SECRETARY KISSINGER TOWARDS THESE MEETINGS, AND TOWARDS A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL LIKE THAT, THAT BECAME KNOWN.

YOU KNOW, THE USG HAS BEEN ACCUSED IN RECENT YEARS OF BEING DISINTERESTED IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, BEING INDIFFERENT, NEGLECTING IT. SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHEN HE BECAME SECRETARY OF STATE LAST FALL, MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT HE WAS GOING TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO REINVIGORATE AND REVITALIZE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THIS HEMISPHERE. AND HIS INITIATIVE IN NEW YORK A COUPLE OF WEEKS AFTER BECOMING SECRETARY OF STATE LAST OCTOBER 5TH, TO INVITE THEM TO THIS KIND OF CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION, WAS WELL RECEIVED. THEY ESTABLISHED AN AGENDA, ASKED HIM TO MEET WITH THEM, TO DISCUSS IT. HE DID. AND HE WANTED TO MAKE PROPOSALS ON EVERY SINGLE ITEM, EVERY SINGLE TOPIC THAT THEY SAID WAS OF INTEREST TO THEM. BUT HE HAS NO DESIRE TO PUSH ANY OF THESE. AND IF THEY ARE NOT WELL RECEIVED, HE IS PREPARED TO DROP THEM. IF THEY WANT TO SUGGEST MODIFICATIONS OR ADAPTATIONS, HE IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER THEM.

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WHAT HE DOES WANT TO DO IS TO MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE USG IS GREATLY INTERESTED IN THIS REGION, HAS MAJOR INTEREST IN IT, AND WANTS TO WORK AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE

WITH THE COUNTRIES AND GOVERNMENTS OF THIS REGION.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME REACTION, I HAVE NOTICED, THAT PERHAPS WE ARE OVER-DOING THIS. AND THERE HAS BEEN SOME SKEPTICISM ON THE PART OF SOME OF THE LATIN AMERICANS ABOUT WHAT UNDERLIES THIS APPROACH BY THE UNITED STATES. IS THERE SOME ULTERIOR MOTIVE. IS THE UNITED STATES TRYING TO CREATE SOME KIND OF NEW BLOC, SOME KIND OF NEW HEGEMONY IN THE REGION?

NOT AT ALL. WE ARE TRYING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO AN AGENDA AND AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE GOVERNMENTS AND THOSE OFFICIALS THEMSELVES. AND WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF FORCING THIS MECHANISM OR ANY OF THESE PROPOSALS THAT ARE NOT FOUND ATTRACTIVE BY THEM, NO INTENTION AT ALL OF TRYING TO CREATE A BLOC, NO INTENTION AT ALL OF TRYING TO ESTABLISH SOME KIND OF UNSEEN HEGEMONY OVER THE REGION. AND EVEN SUCH AN INNOCENT WORD AS THE WORD "COMMUNITY," THAT I MUST CONFESS THAT I AND SEVERAL OF MY COLLEAGUES THOUGHT

WAS PROBABLY THE BEST SINGLE WORD WE COULD THINK OF TO EXPRESS WHAT WE HAD IN MIND, SOME KIND OF NON-EXCLUSIVE COMMUNITY, WAS MET ON THE PART OF SEVERAL OF THE GOVERNMENTS WITH SOME SKEPTICISM AND CONCERN. SO, SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID, WELL, LET'S DROP IT, BECAUSE WE ARE REALLY NOT TRYING TO IMPOSE EITHER A REGIONAL BLOC, A REGIONAL FRAMEWORK, OR ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON ANY ONE. BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANYTHING.

Q: WHAT DO YOU MEAN "NON-EXCLUSIVE"?

A: BY NON-EXCLUSIVE, I MEANT IF ONE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY -- I REALLY SHOULDN'T EVEN BE TALKING ABOUT "COMMUNITY" BECAUSE WE HAVE DISCARDED THAT WORD. BUT IF ONE RESIDED IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE FOR REASONS OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY, AND OTHER REASONS, AND WANTED TO HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME SOME KIND OF SPECIAL TALKS OR CON-

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SULTATIONS BECAUSE OF COMMON INTERESTS, THAT DID NOT MEAN THAT ANY SUCH GOVERNMENT OR COUNTRY WOULD THEREBY OR THEREFORE HAVE TO REFRAIN FROM TIES, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH THE GROUP OF 77 IN THE THIRD WORLD, NOR WOULD IT MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD THEN HAVE TO ABANDON OR BREAK ITS TIES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COMMUNITY AND WITH THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. YOU KNOW, YOU CAN BELONG TO SEVERAL COMMUNITIES.

Q: IN THE U.S. VOCABULARY, ARE THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES -- YOU ARE REFERRING TO GUYANA, WHICH IS ATLANTIC AND NOT CARIBBEAN, AND VENEZUELA, WHICH IS CARIBBEAN. ACUTALLY YOU ARE REFERRING TO THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES -- RIGHT? -- GUYANA, BARBADOS, AND SO ON. ACUTALLY YOU ARE INJECTING AN ELEMENT OF DIVISION IN LATIN AMERICA. BECAUSE WE NEVER SAID LATIN AMERICA AND BRAZIL OR LATIN AMERICAN AND HAITI, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. WHY DO YOU MAKE THAT DIFFERENTIATION -- WHEN THE FOUR COUNTRIES ARE MEMBERS OF ALL THE LATIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS?

A: THAT IS A VERY GOOD QUESTION. AND THE ANSWER IS THAT WE WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FOUR, AND NOW FIVE - AND I GUESS WITH GRENADA IT IS SIX ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN -- DID NOT CONSIDER THEMSELVES LATINS BECAUSE THEY DID NOT SPEAK A LATIN LANGUAGE OR WERE SETTLED FROM A LATIN TRADITION OR CULTURE, THE WAY BRAZIL AND TO SOME EXTENT HAITI AND THE SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES WERE.

FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, I SUPPOSE TO BE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, IN ORDER NOT TO OFFEND ANYONE, WE SHOULD TALK

ABOUT THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND THE PORTUGUESE AND FRENCH AND ENGLISH AND SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AREA, AND THE ATLANTIC AREA. IT IS JUST, I THINK, A SHORTHAND PHRASE. BUT WE HAVE NO POLITICAL INTENTION IN USING SUCH A PHRASE. AND IF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES OF THE CARIBBEAN ASK FOR US TO REFER TO THEM OR INCLUDE THEM IN LATIN AMERICA, WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO DO SO.

Q: BUT THAT WAS SETTLED ALREADY IN A FOOTNOTE TO THE '67 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENTS IN PUNTA DEL ESTE, THAT LATIN AMERICAN WILL REFER TO ALL THE OAS MEMBER COUNTRIES. YOU REOPENED THE SUBJECT.

A: WE HAVE HAD AN INDICATION FROM ONE OR TWO OF THE COUNTRIES THAT WHETHER THEIR GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER THEMSELVES PART OF LATIN AMERICA IS AN OPEN QUESTION. SO I REALLY THINK IT IS FOR THEM TO DECIDE. SOMEONE HAS SAID THAT LATIN AMERICA IS A PHRASE AND HAS MEANING ONLY WHEN YOU SIT IN AN OFFICE IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK CITY OR SOMEWHERE SUCH AS THAT. WHEN YOU ARE IN LATIN AMERICA, YOU DON'T REALLY THINK OF YOURSELF AS BEING IN LATIN AMERICA OR THE PEOPLE AS LATIN AMERICAN. YOU THINK OF THEM AS PARAGUAYANS OR ARGENTINES, OR CHILEANS, BOLIVIAN OR NICARAGUANS OR HAITIANS, OR SOMETHING ELSE. AND IT IS A KIND OF A SHORTHAND EXPRESSION THAT IS USED HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO USE ANY EXPRESSION AND ADDRESS PEOPLE IN ANY WAY THEY WISH TO BE ADDRESSED.

Q: DO YOU THINK THAT THIS MEETING WILL NARROW DOWN SOME OF THE SUBJECTS OF MEXICO -- THAT IT WILL BE A LITTLE MORE CONCRETE THAN MEXICO? OR DO YOU SEE NO DIFFERENCE AT ALL?

A: IN PREPARING FOR THIS MEETING I HAD SIX MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWENTY-FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS OVER THE LAST MONTH OR SO. AND FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, WE WERE PREPARED TO USE THE SAME AGENDA, TO ALTER THE AGENDA, OR TO SELECT CERTAIN ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA BECAUSE OF THE SHORTNESS OF TIME HERE, FOR CONCENTRATED ATTENTION.

BUT IT BECAME CLEAR WHEN WE DISCUSSED THIS, AND AFTER THE REPRESENTATIVES CONSULTED WITH THEIR MINISTERS AND I CONSULTED WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, THAT THE SIMPLEST THING TO DO WAS TO MAINTAIN EXACTLY THE SAME AGENDA. AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE DOING.

WHETHER THE MINISTERS WILL DECIDE TO GIVE MORE TIME TO ONE
ITEM OR THE OTHER, I REALLY COULD NOT SAY.

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Q: THE DRAFT YOU CIRCULATED LEFT OUT THINGS LIKE OAS,
PANAMA.

A: IN RESPONSE TO A SUGGESTION AND A REQUEST FROM SEVERAL
REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT WHAT I THOUGHT COULD COME OUT OF
THIS MEETING, I PICKED OUT THREE OR FOUR OF THE TOPICS
WHERE I THOUGHT THE MINISTERS, IF THEY AGREED, COULD REACH
SOME DECISION FOR FURTHER ACTION OR STUDY OR WORKING
GROUPS -- SOMETHING LIKE THAT; AND SHOWED THOSE TO THE
AMBASSADORS WHO WERE MEETING WITH ME SO THEY WOULD HAVE
SOME PICTURE OF WHAT I HAD IN MIND. BUT THAT WAS NOT
MEANT TO EXCLUDE ANYTHING. AS I SAY, WE ARE PREPARED
REALLY TO CONSIDER ANYTHING ON THE AGENDA.

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE EXPORT LICENSES FOR
ARGENTINA WITHIN THE U.S. BUREAUCRACY, AND DO YOU EXPECT
THAT THERE WILL BE AN ANSWER ONE WAY OR THE OTHER FROM
THE USG BEFORE THIS MEETING ENDS?

A: THIS QUESTION I AM SURE IS WELL KNOWN TO ALL OF YOU.
IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT ONE FOR US.

ON THE ONE HAND, WE PLACE THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE ON GOOD
RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA. AND WE HAVE
BEEN WORKING VERY HARD, AND I THINK EFFECTIVELY, BOTH IN
BUENOS AIRES AND WASHINGTON, TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. AND WE WOULD NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING
THAT WOULD INJURE THOSE RELATIONS IF WE COULD POSSIBLY
AVOID IT.

ON THE OTHER HAND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS BOUND
BY MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS REACHED IN THE INTER-AMERICAN
SYSTEM, BY ALL, OR ALMOST ALL, OF THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS,
AND WE HAVE COMMITMENTS TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS AND TO THOSE
DECISIONS AS WELL.

SO IT IS A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT DECISION FOR THE USG TO
MAKE.

NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS YET. WHETHER ONE
WILL BE MADE SOON OR IN TIME FOR THESE MEETINGS, I REALLY
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COULD NOT SAY.

Q: BY THAT YOU MEAN THERE IS NO QUESTION IN YOUR MIND BUT THAT THE COMPANIES ARE IN THE CONTROL OF U.S. POLICY AS OPPOSED TO THE CONTROL OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY OR POLICY. YOU HAVE MADE THE DECISION THAT IT IS A QUESTION FOR THE UNITED STATES -- WHAT THEY DO. AND THE SAME WOULD APPLY, OF COURSE, TO CANADA.

A: NO. I REALLY DON'T WANT TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION ABOUT THE COMPANIES IN ARGENTINA THAT ARE INCORPORATED THERE UNDER ARGENTINE LAW. I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR THEM OR FOR THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. I WANT TO SPEAK FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND WHAT OUR POSITION IS. AND OUR POSITION IS THAT SEVERAL OF THOSE COMPANIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING U.S. LAWS AND REGULATIONS, HAVE APPLIED TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR LICENSES TO MAKE SALES TO CUBA. THEREFORE, THE USG IS FACED WITH THE DECISION, SHOULD WE GRANT THE LICENSES OR NOT. AND THAT DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE. AND WHETHER IT WILL BE MADE NOW OR SOON, I REALLY COULD NOT SAY.

Q: ISN'T A DECISION IN THAT AREA WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A MUCH LARGER QUESTION? ISN'T IT GOING TO BE SETTLED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR GENERAL APPROACH AND RELATIONSHIP THAT WE ARE GOING TO ADOPT, THAT WE ARE ADOPTING, TOWARDS CUBA?

Q: SECONDLY -- I WOULD LIKE TO GET BACK TO THE QUESTION ASKED BEFORE -- WHETHER THE MFM REALLY WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OAS MEETING, AND REALLY WAS UNDERCUTTING THE OAS MEETING. AND I WOULD ASK ISN'T THAT SO AND THAT THE BASIC DECISIONS ON U.S.-LATIN POLICY AND GENERAL OAS POLICY WILL BE MADE IN THE TWO DAYS HERE.

A: WITH RESPECT TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION ABOUT THE DECISIONS ON GRANTING OR NOT GRANTING THE LICENSES BEING MADE IN A LARGER CONTEXT, I WOULD POINT OUT THAT LICENSES HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST FOR TRADE WITH CUBA. I THINK THERE HAVE BEEN ELEVEN OR TWELVE SUCH LICENSES GRANTED OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS. AND IN NO CASE DID THE GRANTING OF THOSE LICENSES SIGNAL ANY PARTI-

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CULAR CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY WITH RESPECT TO CUBA. AND THEREFORE IN MY VIEW IT IS NOT EXCLUDED THAT A DECISION -- I AM SPECULATING NOW; I HOPE IF ANYONE REFERS TO MY COMMENTS, THEY REFER TO THEM IN THE CONTEXT IN WHICH I AM EXPRESSING THEM -- IF A DECISION WERE TO BE MADE TO GRANT

THE LICENSES BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THAT DECISION COULD BE MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE POLICY FOR CERTAIN REASONS, WHATEVER THEY ARE, SUCH AS THE ELEVEN OR TWELVE OTHER GRANTING OF LICENSES WERE.

SO IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF A LARGER QUESTION, OVERALL U.S. RELATIONS WITH CUBA, OR CUBA'S RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS OF THE HEMISPHERE, ALTHOUGH THAT IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY.

WITH REGARD TO YOUR SECOND QUESTION, I WOULD SAY THIS. ONE REALLY SHOULD NOT TRY AND COMPARE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ATLANTA MEETING WITH THE WASHINGTON MEETING, BECAUSE THEY ARE QUITE DIFFERENT.

THE ACTS BY THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ATLANTA WILL BE THE FORMAL OFFICIAL ACTS THAT ENSHRINE INTO THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM OFFICIAL DECISIONS MADE BY THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES THERE. OBVIOUSLY THE INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS THAT TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON HERE ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, AND IN ADDITION INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS THAT TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN WASHINGTON, BETWEEN EMBASSIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND IN CAPITALS, AND IN OTHER MEETINGS, AND BY LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS AND SO ON, ALL CONTRIBUTE TO THOSE DECISIONS.

BUT THEY ARE NOT REALLY DIRECTLY COMPARABLE.

Q: DO YOU THINK THAT THE DIALOGUE MEETINGS RAISE THE QUESTION ABOUT THE USEFULNESS OF THE OAS? MY SECOND QUESTION IS DO YOU EXPECT SOME KIND OF FINAL STATEMENT TO COME OUT OF THESE MEETINGS, A DECLARATION, OR WHATEVER?

A: THE FACT THAT THE DIALOGUES EXIST, DID IN MEXICO AND WILL HERE IN WASHINGTON, COULD, IN ONE WAY, RAISE A QUESTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TION ABOUT THE OAS AND WHETHER OR NOT THE OAS IN ITS PRESENT FORMAT, WITH ITS PRESENT PROGRAMS AND STRUCTURES, SERVES BEST THE NEEDS OF THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. IT IS CONCEIVABLE TO ME THAT IF THESE KIND OF INFORMAL EXCHANGES WORK OUT WELL, THAT THAT FORMAT COULD BE ADOPTED BY THE OAS AS WELL. FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IS WHAT WE DID IN QUITO IN MARCH. IN MARCH, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IA-ECOSOC, WHERE I WAS THE HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, WE SPENT A DAY-AND-A-HALF OF THE FIVE-DAY MEETINGS APART FROM THE FORMAL PUBLIC STRUCTURE AND SPEECHES FOR PRIVATE SESSIONS AND DIALOGUE AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITHOUT AGENDA AND SO ON. IT WAS VERY USEFUL AND ENABLED US TO GO BACK

INTO THE PUBLIC SESSIONS AND MAKE PROPOSALS, AND HAVE THEM SUPPORTED AND HAVE THEM ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL.

SO IT MAY BE A NEW KIND OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY THAT COULD BE FOLDED INTO THE OAS SYSTEM.

BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO CONCLUDE THAT THE OAS THEREFORE HAS NO VALUE, BECAUSE OF THE DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO HAVE AN INFORMAL DIALOGUE. AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE SAID, IF THERE WERE NO OAS, SOME KIND OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE MULTILATERAL STRUCTURE WOULD HAVE TO BE INVENTED AND CREATED, BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY, MANY THOUSANDS AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ITEMS OF MULTILATERAL BUSINESS THAT ARE DEALT WITH BY THE OAS THAT HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH. BUT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THEIR INFORMAL EXCHANGES IT SEEMS TO ME CAN ARRIVE AT A GREATER CONSENSUS TO GIVE DIRECTION AND GREATER MEANING AND PURPOSE AND CONTENT TO THE OAS ORGANS IN THEIR MEETINGS.

Q: ON THAT VERY SENSITIVE ITEM -- I WANT TO BE SURE I HAVE RIGHT WHAT YOU SAID. DO YOU SAY THAT THE ARGENTINE COMPANIES, THOSE COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN ARGENTINA, HAVE APPLIED FOR A LICENSE?

NO. WHAT I MEANT WAS THIS. THE FACTS ARE THAT THERE ARE COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES, AMERICAN COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES -- THAT HAVE APPLIED TO THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT FOR LICENSES.

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Q: THE FIRST POINT OF VIEW WAS THAT THOSE COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN ARGENTINA HAVE APPLIED FOR IT.

A: I WANT TO CORRECT THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE FACT THAT MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE SENATE HAS SIGNED A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED UNDILUTED U.S. SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CANAL ZONE?

A: THAT IS QUITE SIGNIFICANT AND REFLECTS THE GREAT INTEREST IN THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL IN THE U.S. SENATE AND IN THE UNITED STATES.

I WOULD ADD THAT THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES -- ARE TRYING TO NEGOTIATE A NEW TREATY THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THAT SERVES THE INTERESTS OF BOTH AND THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE.

I THINK THERE IS A LOT OF MISUNDERSTANDING IN THE UNITED STATES FROM LETTERS I HAVE RECEIVED AND PEOPLE I HAVE TALKED TO, ABOUT JUST WHAT THE U.S. POSITION IS ON PANAMA, AND WHAT RIGHTS WE HAVE AND DON'T HAVE IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION THAT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED IN THIS RESOLUTION, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS THAT UNITED STATES SOVEREIGNTY IN THE CANAL ZONE SHOULD NOT BE SURRENDERED. ANY WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE 1903 TREATY KNOW THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE SOVEREIGNTY IN THE CANAL ZONE. WHAT THE UNITED STATES WAS GIVEN IN THE 1903 TREATY IS CERTAIN RIGHTS IN PERPETUITY TO ACT AS THOUGH IT WERE SOVEREIGN. AND THE UNITED STATES HAS MANY BASIC INTERESTS IN THE CANAL ZONE AS DO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. AND I THINK WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A MEETING OF THE MINDS WITH PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS ON THE CANAL AND HOW IT SHOULD BE OPERATED, WHO SHOULD ADMINISTER IT, WHO SHOULD DEFEND IT, FOR HOW LONG A TIME, UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES--SO THAT QUESTIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY AND PERPETUITY ARE NOT REALLY CENTRAL TO THE OVERALL OPERATION, EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE OF THE CANAL, NOT ONLY FOR THE UNITED STATES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND PANAMA, BUT OTHER TRADING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

Q: SO YOU DON'T THINK WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE SENATE NECESSARILY DAMAGES THE PROSPECT OF A MUTUALLY AMICABLE

SETTLEMENT OF THIS PROBLEM BETWEEN THE U.S. AND PANAMA.

A: I WOULDN'T SAY IT NECESSARILY DAMAGES THE PROSPECT. BUT I THINK IT IS A QUITE CLEAR SIGNAL TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT, OTHER MEMEBES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE, OF THE CONGRESS, THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY, AND THE PEOPLE OF PANAMA AND ELESWHERE, OF THE FEELING OF THOSE SENATORS WHO CO-SPONSORED THE RESOLUTION. AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE TAKEN VERY CAREFULLY INTO ACCOUNT AS WE NEGOTIATE OR ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A TREATY.

I DON'T THINK IT NECESSARILY FORECLOSES THE POSSIBILITY OF A SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A TREATY, HOWEVER. AND I HOPE THAT A TREATY CAN BE NEGOTIATED AND THAT THE SENATE CAN FIND IT ACCEPTABLE.

Q: IS THE QUESTION OF ENERGY LIKELY TO ARISE, AND IF SO, IN WHAT SUB-UNIT? AND MY QUESTION SPECIFICALLY IS, SATISFYING THE U.S. NEEDS FOR ENERGY IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DECADES, DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT OUT-BACK THERE IN VENEZUELA AND PERU.

A: I DON'T BELIEVE ENERGY WILL COME UP IN ANY DIRECTLY ADDRESSED WAY. SECRETARY KISSINGER DID PROPOSE ON HIS TWO TOPICS FOR THE AGENDA IN MEXICO A REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THE ENERGY CRISIS, WHICH HAD SURFACED AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CRISIS SUBSEQUENT TO THE BOGOTA MEETING IN NOVEMBER. BUT IT IS NOT A TOPIC THAT ALL THE GOVERNMENTS FIND EQUALLY CONVENIENT FOR DISCUSSION. AND SO SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS TOLD ME -- AND I PASSED ON TO THEM -- THAT IF THEY FIND IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE OR INCONVENIENT TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT, HE CERTAINLY WOULD NOT INSIST ON IT. IT MAY COME UP IN A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT WAY ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE. UNDER ONE OF THE FIVE AGENDA ITEMS, I SUPPOSE THAT SOME MINISTERS MAY RAISE THE QUESTION ABOUT THE IMPACT ON THEIR DOMESTIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIES AND THEIR GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIGHER COSTS OF FUEL IMPORTS AND ENERGY. IT JUST HAS CREATED A WHOLE NEW ENVIRONMENT IN LATIN AMERICA, AND THE QUESTION MAY COME UP IN THAT CONTEXT.

Q: I AM THINKING OF THE GREAT ORINOCO BELT, THE HUNDRED-MILE-LONG BELT THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSIDERED TOO EXPENSIVE TO DEVELOP, THAT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE REALLY COULD NOT DO IT, THAT KIND OF THING.

A: DO I THINK THAT WILL COME UP?

Q: YES.

A: I DOUBT IT. THE QUESTION OF THE ORINOCO TAR SANDS IS A MATTER FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA TO DECIDE, WHEN IT WANTS TO RAISE IT OR IF IT WANTS TO RAISE IT, OR HOW IT WANTS TO DEVELOP IT. IT IS NOT THE SORT OF THING THAT WOULD COME UP IN A MULTILATERAL MEETING OF THIS KIND, UNLESS VENEZUELA RAISED IT. CERTAINLY THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT. IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT ANYONE ELSE WOULD.

Q: TWO QUESTIONS. WHEN IS DR. KISSINGER GOING TO MAKE HIS SPEECH? AND TWO, YOU MENTIONED IN REPLY TO A QUESTION HERE THAT YOU WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF THREE OR FOUR SUBJECTS WHICH COULD COME UP, EITHER FOR DECISION OR RECOMMENDATION AT THE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS. COULD YOU AMPLIFY THAT?

A: WELL, SECRETARY KISSINGER DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE ANY MAJOR SPEECH AT THIS MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON.

IN THE OAS -- THE PLANS FOR THE OAS MEETING IN ATLANTA CALL FOR THE INAUGURAL SESSIONS. THEN BEGINNING SATURDAY MORNING THERE WILL BE THE SO-CALLED GENERAL DEBATE, AND I BELIEVE THE ORDER OF SPEAKERS IS AS FOLLOWS. PERU FIRST, THEN ARGENTINA, THEN THE UNITED STATES, THEN PARAGUAY, THEN BRAZIL.

Q: WASN'T THE SECRETARY GOING TO SPEAK AT THE INAUGURAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO, AS HOST?

A: I WOULD EXPECT AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM AT THE INAUGURAL SESSION ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, HE WOULD BE EXPECTED AND BE PREPARED TO SAY A FEW WORDS OF WELCOME TO EVERYONE IN A PUBLIC SESSION, BUT NOT A MAJOR SPEECH.

TO COME BACK TO YOUR SECOND QUESTION, WHICH IS THE THREE OR FOUR TOPICS THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED HERE -- I THINK ALL OF THEM WILL BE CONSIDERED. AND I DON'T KNOW THE EXTENT OF PREPARATIONS OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE DONE IN THESE LAST FEW WEEKS SINCE THEY LEFT MEXICO TO PREPARE FOR FURTHER ACTIONS OR DECISIONS HERE. I WOULD BE INCLINED TO THINK, VERY FRANKLY, THAT VERY LITTLE IN THE WAY OF DECISIONS, IF ANYTHING, WOULD COME OUT OF THIS MEETING HERE IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK. I THINK WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN WILL BE SOMETHING LIKE THE FOLLOWING.

THEY ARRANGED AN AGENDA, BROUGHT IT TO MEXICO. SECRETARY KISSINGER CONSIDERED IT FOR A MONTH OR TWO BEFORE HE WENT TO MEXICO. HE MADE PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS ON EVERY TOPIC ON THE AGENDA, PRACTICALLY ALOF WHICH WERE NEW TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS THERE. AND THEY WANTED A CHANCE TO STUDY HIS REMARKS, TO CONSIDER HIS PROPOSALS, AND TO REACT TO THEM. AND I THINK SOME OF THEM WILL HAVE PROVED IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO REACT IN ANY MEANINGFUL WAY, EXCEPT INDIVIDUALLY -- NOT IN ANY CONSENSUS WAY HERE IN WASHINGTON.

SO I THINK THAT MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION HERE FOR THE DAY-AND-A-HALF THIS WEEK WILL BE TO REQUEST CLARIFICATIONS FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT, WHAT DID HE HAVE IN MIND ON THIS, DOES HE INSIST ON SOMETHING ELSE, OR IS HE PREPARED TO CONSIDER A DIFFERENT APPROACH -- THAT SORT OF THING -- AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CLARIFY. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE ON ONE OR TWO OR THREE TOPICS FOR THEM TO MAKE A DECISION OR TO CALL FOR SOME FURTHER ACTION, PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE GOING TO MEET AGAIN LATE THIS YEAR. THEY MIGHT DECIDE TO HAVE SOME STUDY OR SOME ANALYSIS MADE DURING THE INTERVENING MONTHS. BUT I REALLY DON'T

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Q: CAN YOU GIVE US A BROAD IDEA OF THE SUBJECT WHICH YOU THINK MIGHT COME UP FOR DECISION OR RECOMMENDATION, POSSIBLY.

A: WELL, I WOULD THINK IT WOULD BE SOMETHING ON WHICH A CONSENSUS EXISTS OR COULD BE FOUND TO EXIST. THIS IS PURELY CONJECTURE ON MY PART. BUT ONE THAT COMES TO MY MIND RIGHT NOW IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTION IS THE QUESTION OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. IT WAS ONE OF THE EIGHT MAJOR TOPICS ON THE AGENDA. THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ASKED FOR -- EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN SCIENCE, SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES, GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS OF TECHNOLOGY, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM THE PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL SECTORS. IF THE LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE SOME KIND OF A CONSENSUS ON HOW THEY WANT THIS TRANSFERRED, I AM SURE THEY WOULD FIND GREAT WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER, BECAUSE WE WANT TO HELP IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT IN ANY WAY WE CAN. SO THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING THEY COULD DECIDE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS AN INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NOW THAT REPORTS TO ONE OF THE OAS COUNCILS, THE COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE. IT IS A RATHER SPECIAL ORGAN. AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MEXICO SAID "WE WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHETHER WE USE THAT ORGAN THAT ALREADY EXISTS, ADAPT IT SOME WAY, OR CREATE SOME NEW ONE." SO I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR THEIR THINKING HAS GONE ON THAT. BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE OPTIONS. THAT IS THE SORT OF THING I HAD IN MIND.

Q: ANY OTHERS?

A: I THINK THAT IS ALL I WOULD WANT TO MENTION NOW. I WOULD THINK THE OTHERS MIGHT BE IN THE GENERAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE FIELD, BECAUSE THOSE ARE SO IMPORTANT.

Q: ASIDE FROM HIS WELCOMING REMARKS, HAS THE SECRETARY GOT A MAJOR SPEECH SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, PERHAPS?

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A: THE UNITED STATES WOULD, AS THEY DID HERE IN WASHINGTON LAST YEAR, AND EACH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AT SOME POINT MAKE A PUBLIC SPEECH FOR THE RECORD OF THE U.S. POSITION ON THE GENERAL THEMES THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE ASSEMBLY. SO I WOULD EXPECT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT SPEECH ON SATURDAY. BUT, YOU KNOW, HE HAS MADE AN IMPORTANT SPEECH ON SATURDAY. BUT, YOU KNOW, HE HAS MADE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT SPEECHES AND STATEMENTS ON U.S. POLICY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA GOING BACK TO OCTOBER 5 -- THAT ALL OF THEM TOGETHER COMPRISE AN IMPORTANT SHIFT IN U.S. POLICY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA. AND WHAT HE WOULD SAY IN ATLANTA I WOULD IMAGINE WOULD BE NOTHING SPECTACULARLY NEW BUT RATHER PART OF THIS OVER-ALL FABRIC. HIS STATEMENT ON OCTOBER 5 LAST YEAR AT THE UN, HIS SPEECH IN PANAMA ON FEBRUARY 7, HIS SPEECH AT MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 21, HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 23 -- ALL OF THESE STATEMENTS TOGETHER MAKE UP A NEW FABRIC AND A NEW EXPRESSION AND ARTICULATION OF U.S. POLICY FOR THE REGION. AND I WOULD THINK WHAT HE WOULD SAY IN ATLANTA ON SATURDAY WOULD FOLLOW IN THAT MAIN STREAM.

Q: IF IT IS TRUE, AS YOU SUGGESTED, THAT SOME OF THE LATIN NATIONS THINK THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS REACTED TOO ENTHUSIASTICALLY OR WITH TOO MANY IDEAS, IS IT EQUALLY FAIR TO SAY THAT THERE IS SOME DISAPPOINTMENT HERE IN WASHINGTON AT THE FAILURE OF THE LATIN NATIONS TO PICK UP THE BALL FROM MEXICO A LITTLE MORE AGGRESSIVELY?

A: NO DISAPPOINTMENT BY ME OR ANY OF US HERE. WE WANT REALLY TO TRY AND ADAPT OURSELVES AND OUR POLICIES AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THIS REGION IN THE MOST COMPATIBLE POSSIBLE WAY WITH THEIR DESIRES AND INTERESTS. WE DON'T WANT TO OVER-REACT OR UNDER-REACT. WE DON'T WANT TO BE OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC OR UNDERSTATE OUR INTERESTS. WE WERE TRYING REALLY TO CORRECT WHAT WE BELIEVE WAS A CHARGE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS THAT WE WERE NOT BEING SUFFICIENTLY ATTENTIVE OR INTERESTED, AND WE ARE NOW REALLY GIVING ANY GRADES ON THEIR REACTION OR ON OUR OWN. I THINK WE ARE JOINTLY AND MUTUALLY TRYING TO FIND A NEW PATH THAT WE CAN WALK TOGETHER THAT SERVES THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERESTS AND OURS IN THE REAL WORLD.

Q: TO GET BACK TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION -- IS THERE GOING TO BE A COMMUNIQUE, A DECLARATION?

A: THAT CAME UP IN MY MEETINGS WITH THE AMBASSADORS HERE, WHETHER THERE WOULD OR WOULD NOT. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW,

IT REALLY DEPENDS UPON THE WISHES OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS.
I WOULDN'T ANTICIPATE ANY MAJOR DECLARATION.

IT IS QUITE CLEAR FROM MY CONVERSATIONS WITH SOME OF THEM
HERE THIS PAST MONTH THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS THEMSELVES
OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES HERE DON'T WANT TO DO A VERY
ELABORATE, DETAILED PREPARATION FOR THIS MEETING, AND CON-
STRUCT IN ADVANCE WHO IS GOING TO SAY WHAT, AND WHAT IS
GOING TO COME OUT OF IT, AND WHAT KIND OF A DOCUMENT --
BECAUSE THAT WOULD DESTROY THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THE MEET-
ING, OF THE INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER AS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

Q: A QUESTIONS NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO THE MEETING. HAS
THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSED CONCERN TO CHILE OVER REPORTS
OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THAT COUNTRY?

A: THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON HUMAN
RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD IS WELL-KNOWN. AND I THINK IT

WOULD BE REASONABLE FOR YOU TO ASSUME THAT WE HAVE MADE
APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS ABOUT
OUR CONCERN ON THESE SUBJECTS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE.

Q: THERE HAVE BEEN SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEED OF HAVING
A SECOND DIALOGUE ONLY SEVEN WEEKS AFTER THE FIRST,
ESPECIALLY WHEN PEOPLE ARE ALREADY TALKING ABOUT HAVING A
LATER ONE THIS YEAR. AND I WONDER IF YOU COULD COMMENT ON
THAT.

A: THE ANSWER IS A VERY SIMPLE ONE. WHY, AFTER ONLY SEVEN
OR EIGHT WEEKS, WHEN THEY ALL GOT TOGETHER IN MEXICO ON
REALLY WHAT WAS AN ALMOST HISTORIC, UNPRECEDENTED MEETING
OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THAT KIND OF A FRAMEWORK -- WHY
WOULD THEY MEET AGAIN IN JUST SEVEN OR EIGHT WEEKS?
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AND THE ANSWER IS, IN MY OPINION, (A) THEY WERE ALL GOING
TO BE IN THE UNITED STATES ANYWAY, THEY WERE COMING ANYWAY,
AND (B) THEY FOUND IT VERY USEFUL, AND SO THEY DECIDED
TO MEET AGAIN FOR A DAY OR TWO AND TALK. I THINK IT IS
THAT SIMPLE.

Q: ISN'T THERE A DANGER PSYCHOLOGICALLY? IT SETS UP CER-
TAIN EXPECTATION. HERE THESE PEOPLE ARE MEETING SIX OR
SEVEN WEEKS LATER BECAUSE OF TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS. SURE-
LY THERE IS A CERTAIN DANGER THAT EVERYBODY WILL EXPECT
SOMETHING BIG TO COME OF IT, AND NOTHING WILL.

A: I THINK THAT IS A DANGER. I HOPE NOT. I GUESS THAT IS
A PRICE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL HAVE TO PAY IN

ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHAT THEY CONSIDER A VERY USE-
FUL WAY OF MEETING AND TALKING WITH EACH OTHER. THE REAL
BENEFIT AND PAYOUT FOR THESE MEETINGS WILL BE SEEN OVER A
PERIOD OF TIME, THOUGH. I THINK IT WILL. AS YOU KNOW, I
HAD THE OPPORTUNITY IN MEXICO TO OBSERVE THESE MEETINGS,
AND THEY WERE EXTRAORDINARILY USEFUL, FROM ALMOST EVERY-
ONE'S POINT OF VIEW. AND I THINK THEY ARE GOING TO CON-
TINUE TO HAVE BENEFIT. I CERTAINLY HOPE SO. AND I KNOW
SECRETARY KISSINGER DOES. END QUOTE AND BRIEFING. RUSH

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